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1. SUMMARY. FALL OF SOUTH VIETNAM ELICITED EXPECTED BULGARIAN REACTION. CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS WERE SENT BY GOB, BANNERS APPEARED IN MAY DAY PARADE, AND MORALIZING COMMENT APPEARED IN PRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. TWO NEARLY IDENTICAL CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS ON VICTORY IN SOUTH VIETNAM WERE SENT TO COMMUNIST LEADERS OF BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH VIETNAM BY PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV AND PREMIER TODOROV IN NAME OF STATE COUNCIL, GOB, AND BULGARIAN PEOPLE. TELEGRAMS HAILED "HISTORIC DEFEAT OF PUPPET SAIGON REGIME AND ITS INSPIRERS". AFTER EMPHASIZING SUPPORT GIVEN BY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES LED BY SOVIET UNION, TELEGRAMS PROMISED CONTINUING BULGARIAN ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.

3. THREE BANNERS PROCLAIMING "WE GREET THE VICTORY OF THE POPE OF SOUTH VIETNAM" APPEARED IN MAY DAY PARADE IN SOLE MANIFESTATION OF SUPPORT FOR REVOLUTIONARY CAUSES IN HUMDRUM PARADE OTHERWISE DEVOTED TO THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY, TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW

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PACT, BROTHERHOOD WITH SOVIET UNION, GLORIOUS LEADERSHIP OF

BKP, AND OVERFILMENT OF ECONOMIC PLAN.

4. EDITORIAL IN PARTY ORGAN RABOTNICHESKO DELO MAY 2
DRAWS CONCLUSION, "THE COMPLETE LIBERATION OF SOUTH
VIETNAM FROM THE PUPPET CLIQUE GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY
THE GREATEST IMPERIALIST STATE IS ONE OF THE MOST
STRIKING CONFIRMATIONS IN OUR TIME OF THE CONSTANT
CHANGE IN THE CORRELATION OF FORCES IN INTERNATIONAL
ARENA IN FAVOUR OF FMCIALISM, PEACE AND DEOMOCRACY.
EVER MORE LIMITED BECOME THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE
REACTIONARY AGGRESSIVE FORCES TO PLAY ROLE OF A
GENDARME OF THE PEOPLES, AND EVER WIDER AND MORE REAL
BECOMES THE OUTLOOK OF THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL AND
SOCIAL LIBERATION IN ALL REGIONS OF THE PLANET".
EDITORIAL THEN TIES VIETNAM VICTORY TO THIRTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF "VICTORY OVER FASCISM", CONCLUDING THAT
"IF PEOPLE TAKE THEIR DESTINY IN THEIR OWN HANDS" IT
IS BECAUSE OF EXISTANCE OF "MOSCOW - THE PRINCIPAL
GUARANTOR, THE MAIN DEFENDER, THE MAIN FORCE IN THE
DRIVE OF THE PEOPLES FOR INDEPENDENCE, FREEDOM AND
PROGRESS".

5. SIGNED COLUMN ON FRONT PAGE OF RABOTNICHESKO DELO
MAY 4 QUOTES FROM FOREIGN EDITORIALS INCLUDING ONE FROM
NEW YORK TIMES PURPORTEDLY STATING "THE WAR COULD NOT
BE WON EVEN WITH AMERICAN ASSISTANCE" AND "THE AMERICAN
RMPGOPLF NOW KNOW THAT THE INTERVENTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
WAS FROM THE BEGINNING A MISTAKE". COLUMN SUMMARIZES,
"THE WORLD PRESS, OVERTLY OR COVERTLY, COMES TO THE
UNANIMOUS CONCLUSION: THE VICTORY OF THE PATRIOTS IN
VIETNAM SHOWS THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE, FOR FREEDOM
AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE TRIUMPHS, WHILE THE CHAMPIONS
OF MILITARY ADVENTURES AND IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION
RECEIVED A SEVERE LESSON AND A STRICT WARNING FROM
HISTORY".
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